

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY -- PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (*if only one name is listed below*) or an original, first and joint inventor (*if plural names are listed below*) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the application entitled:

ACCESS OPENINGS IN VACUUM BANDAGE

the specification of which

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_____ is attached hereto

XXX was filed on 20 December 2002 (20.12.02)

as

United States Application Serial No. _____

or

PCT International Application No. PCT/US02/

and was amended on _____

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on which priority is claimed (as listed below) and I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Claimed

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Yes

No

(Number)

(Country)

(Day/Month/Year Filed)

Yes

No

I hereby claim benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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Application Number

10 April 2002 (10.04.02)

Filing Date

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(b) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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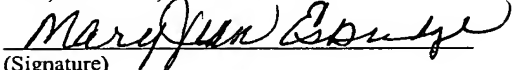
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Sir:

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This Letter is being submitted to comply with 37 CFR 1.32(c)(3) effective June 25, 2004, to fulfill the requirements for completing the items to avoid abandonment under the circumstance wherein the original Declaration and Power of Attorney was executed in accordance with the U.S. patent laws in effect at the time of execution, but wherein the patent law changed prior to the fulfillment of all PCT requirements for entering the national phase in the United States.

With the entry of the Declaration and Power of Attorney--Patent Application and this letter, applicants believe that all requirements have been completed and request the further processing of the above-identified application.

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